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March 29, 1960

There is no frigate like a book
To take us lands away,
Nor any coursers like a page
Of prancing poetry.
This traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of toll;
How frugal is the chariot
That bears a human soul!

—Emily Dickinson

The 1670 Tavern, Antiques
22 Wharf Lane
East Haverhill, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Your Airmailed post card postmarked March 9, among another item, offered the following item:

22 page booklet - Table showing value of Old Tenor Pills in Lawful Money
etc. circa 1750 1-3/4" x 3-5/8" marbled paper cover

at the price to me as a dealer which you stipulated therein, and which price, naturally, is CONFIDENTIAL information between only you and me. In making shipment, you are to remove any price marks, if any!!!.

I submitted my price of \$22.50, postpaid, check with order, subject to prior sale, to Richard Picker, P. O. Box 366, Albertson, Long Island, N. Y., and I am enclosing herewith his letter to me dated March 25, 1960, which is self-explanatory.

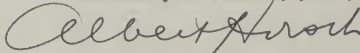
I would appreciate very much your shipping, insured, in your name, to Mr. Eric P. Newman, Edison Brothers Stores, Inc., 400 Washington Avenue, St. Louis 2, Missouri, that particular item; and if he finds it satisfactory, he is to send me \$22.50 therefore and I will settle promptly with you. If he does not find it satisfactory, he is to return it to you, insured for that value, at the same time writing you a letter of transmittal with carbon copy to me.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Picker and Mr. Newman.

If and when you may decide to make shipment, I would appreciate your writing Mr. Newman that you are doing so, with carbon copy to me, or you may wish to write me only and I in turn would promptly write him.

I hope you will see your way clear to send this item on approval as requested.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,



cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

cc: Mr. Richard Picker
P. O. Box 366, Albertson, Long Island, N. Y.

April 5, 1960

Mr. Albert Hirsch
1101 W. Columbia Avenue, Room 111
Chicago 26, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

Enclosed please find my check but you don't have to be so confidential about the price you are paying for the item. You are certainly entitled to earn a living.

I will look forward to anything you get in the future on the subject of coinage, currency, etc. for my library.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMA

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have your letter of April 5 and the check.

I am starting the ball arollin', so to speak, to find for you, by direct and indirect methods, anything on the subject of coinage, currency, etc. for your library, and wouldn't mind your telling me what the "etc." means, by which I am not facetious. In about 3 weeks from now, you will start to be hearing from me with descriptions and other pertinent details as come to my attention, with respective prices, for your accepting, rejecting or ignoring. Your wants will be made known to thousands of antiquarian bookstores, book-dealers, etc. in both Hemispheres. Are you interested in books on other subjects or specific books for your library? That's why I raised the question about the "etc."

By the way, the Chase National Bank, of New York City, for I had once obtained it from them, has free literature about coins. I don't recall its present corporate name. I suggest you write them if you haven't already the literature to which I refer.

I have mailed you with my Compliments today the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, a Quarterly, for Autumn 1959. It has a lengthy article on Illinois currency, profusely illustrated. How I got it, I was talking to quite an authority on the subject and jokingly mentioned a \$3-bill, and he said there was such a think, which prompted him to send me the Journal I have mailed you. I hope you find it most interesting and most useful.

You take me to task about my being so confidential about the price I am paying for the item. I can very accurately assure you that I was justified. If I had the time and space now, I could relate from memory many experiences that would be most convincing in the matter — phases that probably have not occurred to you.

The experience that I would want to relate in great detail, in preference to all others, would be one in which I paid a book seller for a certain book \$1.65 and which, were I to quote or charge for it (I donated the book) I would of necessity have to charge something like \$500.00, but the customer, who learned the details, had she not learned them, would unquestionably have felt I was charging or quoting a most-exorbitant figure. I am not one bit offended by the manner in which you expressed yourself in the first sentence of your letter.

Best wishes and kindest regards!

Sincerely yours,

Albert Hirsch

April 11, 1960

Mr. Albert Hirsch
1101 W. Columbia Avenue, Room 111
Chicago 26, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

Thank you for the article on Illinois Currency in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. Harckhoff, the writer, is a good friend of mine.

There are a lot of specific books on coins and currency which I would like to have for my library and I am taking the liberty of enclosing a list of those I am looking for specifically. Of course, there are a great many others which would be nice to have.

There are hundreds of \$3 bills of different types of the early period and the United States government almost put one out in 1862 as the design on the \$1 bill provided for it being changed to a \$3 bill. A \$3 gold piece, as you know, was issued by the government.

In any event, I will be glad to have a contact in Chicago who enjoys getting books for my library and uses the Antiquarian Bookman, or other similar procedures to hustle my needs.

Cordially yours,

ERIC F. URBAN

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April 15, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter April 11. I will try to find for you the items described in your typewritten memorandum dated 4/13/60 that accompanied it.

As I was about to end this letter, this thought has occurred to me: From time to time, I receive catalogs or lists of books for sale by American, British and other booksellers, all of which I go through carefully and rapidly when received or as soon thereafter as humanly possible or practicable, and there may be items therein on the subjects of your interest that may interest you; in fact, some of such catalogs or lists are arranged by subject so that all "numismatic" items would appear under the heading of "Numismatics" or some such similar heading. Were I to quote on or on any of those items and wait for a reply with remittance, based, of course, on the prices at which offered to me as a dealer, and recognizing that many others receive the same lists about the same time, in many cases the purpose would be defeated due to the delay.

Therefore, from time to time, I plan on sending you such catalogs or lists, or possibly the parts thereof that would only be of interest to you, and, mentioning my name, you would order (by Airmail if it would save at least a day) directly from source of supply, and upon receipt of the item ordered (an actual delivery to you), you would remit to me, let us say, 33-1/3% of the price, which is not an unreasonable fee, as any book-dealer would tell you. Let's see how this works out.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Hirsch

April 18, 1960

Mr. Albert Hirsch
1101 W. Columbia Avenue, Room 111
Chicago 26, Illinois

Dear Mr.Hirsch:

I will be delighted to have you send me the items on numismatics which you find in sale catalogues. However, I receive some such catalogues myself and, naturally, you would not expect a commission if I locate the items on my own. You probably receive many more catalogues than a private individual and I will be glad to send you a reasonable commission if I buy any.

Thirty three and one third per cent is high on expensive books and satisfactory on cheap books. We will not have any trouble on working out a fair arrangement.

Sincerely yours,

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April 21, 1960

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Dear Mr. Newman:

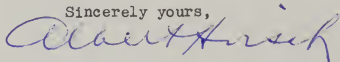
I have your letter of the 18th of April, but not '75. A fellow with a great sense of humor asked me this question: "What do you think of a fellow who gets up 2 o'clock in the morning to go horse-back riding?", and I must have answered, "The guy must be crazy". "Well", he answered, "Paul Revere did it".

Well, I got up 3 this morning to answer some letters, among them yours, though fairly-well relaxed. I followed the advice of Benj. Franklin. *It seems to me that Benj. Franklin had something to do with an early Colonial coin that had the legend "Mind Your Business". I'm just stating what may be factual - no inference intended! - at least, not in a derogatory sense.

The other day, at my own risk, I ordered an item from some foreign country, a book, having a Latin title of a few words. The last word in the title was "Numismata". If I'm ahead of somebody else, I get it. It has plates and was published in 1685 in Amsterdam. If I get the item, I'll write you about it, which would be about 3 weeks from now.

Everything in your letter of April 18 has my approval. You're not the hardest person in the world to get along with. Same here!

Sincerely yours,



* "Early to bed, etc."

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
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400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In a weekly magazine entitled, "Antiquarian Bookman", which is a "specialist book trade weekly", issue of April 25, 1960, on p. 1609, there is an item under the heading of "AB Quote" that I will quote herein. For years, I have been a subscriber and regular advertiser in that publication, and everything under the heading of "AB Quote" I have always found to be accurate and correct. This does not necessarily mean that in what I am about to quote, the statements are correct, but the quotation having been taken from "The Italian Scene", you can "bank on it", so to speak, that "Antiquarian Bookman" has accurately reported that which it saw therein.

Feeling that you and Mr. Richard Ficker would enjoy it, I now quote the article in question:

-----AB QUOTE-----

When the police picked up Antonio Grimaldi for suspected forgery in Catania, they were not surprised to find two 10-thousand lire notes in his pocket bearing the same serial number. They were however indeed surprised when the Bank of Italy experts declared the notes to be good ones. What could it mean? Close examination finally revealed that Grimaldi had altered the last digit of the serial number of one note thus obtaining two good notes bearing the same number.

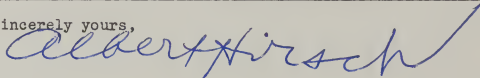
Grimaldi, it finally leaked out, had hit on a new racket: frauding forgerers. He would approach professional "passers" of forged notes and, showing them his two specimens, would tell them how he was capable of producing any number but needed capital to start large scale production. Confronted with such perfect work, "passers" would willingly advance him real money.

Police are going to have a hard time indicting Grimaldi. Though he has altered a state note, he can hardly be called a forger for the note is a good one. He cannot be indicted for frauding "passers" because no "passer" is obviously going to accuse Grimaldi of taking money under false pretenses.

—The Italian Scene

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St. Louis 2, Missouri

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I offer as follows:

Money Edwin W. Kemmerer New York 1935 406 pp good condition....\$ 7.50
Our American Money Joseph Coffin New York 1940 153 pp ill good condition \$ 5.00
Pamphlets
Moneys of the World Chase Nat. Bank, New York Exhibit Apr/May 1935 14 pp ill.... \$1.25
Chase Nat. Bank Collection of Moneys of the World New York 1936 Exhibit 25 pp ill...\$1.25
Moneys of the World Chase Nat. Bank N.Y. 1948 24 pp ill. \$1.25
The World's Silver Dollars National City Bank, N.Y. New York n.d. 31 pp..... \$1.25
U. S. Paper Currency Chase National Bank Chart of Portraits and Designs 1 pp .. \$.75

Sincerely yours,

